

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 have been examined. With this amendment, Applicant adds claims 8-14.

Claims 1-14 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. Formalities

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for foreign priority.

However, the Examiner did not indicate whether the priority document has been received.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner acknowledge receipt of the priority document in the next Office Action.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for initialing and returning copy of the form PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 30, 2003.

II. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-7 under 37 C.F.R. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Sabatier et al (US 6,754,708) [“Sabatier”]. For at least the following reasons, Applicant traverses the rejection.

Applicant submits that the present invention is completely different from Sabatier for at least the following reasons:

According to Sabatier, the telephone numbers are used as IDs of all the users. Therefore, it is necessary for the calling party to know the telephone number of the called party prior to initiating a communication. On the other hand, according to the present invention, it is not necessary for the calling party to know the telephone number of the called party. Only the Internet URL address of the called party is needed by the calling party. The calling party makes a request to an Address Server, which is an extended DNS server, for the address of the called

party by sending the name of the called party. Thus, the difference of the present invention from the Internet system of Sabatier is in that the returned address is not always an IP address but may also be a PSTN number. If the returned address is a PSTN number, then the communication is established in PSTN mode. On the other hand, if the returned address is an IP address, then the communication is established in IP mode.

Therefore, because the communications in Sabatier occurs primarily on the Internet, Sabatier does not disclose the computer communication network as set forth in claim 1.

Applicant submits that claims 2-7 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 1.

In addition, claim 2 recites a computer communication network, “wherein the address defined in the telephone network is used in place of an Internet protocol address.” In all of the embodiments, Sabatier discloses that communications between two or more computers takes place using the internet 3 (see Summary of the Invention). Therefore, Sabatier does not disclose or suggest that an address defined in the telephone network can be “used in place of an Internet protocol address” as set forth in claim 2 since the Internet protocol address is always required.

Claim 6 recites a computer communication network, “wherein any of the names in the computer communication network is not duplicated nor the same as any of domain names in the Internet.” The Examiner contends that this feature is disclosed in a section describing a table showing the computer connections. The table contains IP addresses, a corresponding identifier number N in the telephone network and other attributes (such as company names).

Applicant submits that the disclosure in Sabatier does not necessarily indicate that the names used in the communications network are not duplicates or the same as a domain name

since there is no disclosure in Sabatier that any check is being performed on the company names in order to eliminate duplicates or duplicates with domain names. In fact, because the IP addresses of the two computers are used in the communication process, unique names are not necessary for the invention in Sabatier, therefore, this feature is not inherent.

III. New Claims

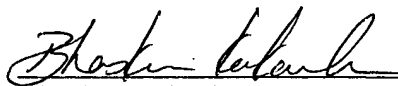
With this amendment, Applicant adds claims 8-14. Applicant submits that these claims are patentable by virtue of the features set forth therein.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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